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THURSTON FOR NORSTAD

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I HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND HAMLETT'S VIEWS RE LIMITATION BERLIN
GARRISONS AS WELL AS NORSTAD'S EXPRESSED CONCERNS. IN FIRST PLACE
WE HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS ON NUMBERS
SINCE THIS WOULD LIMIT OUR FREEDOM POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION AND
OPEN DOOR TO SOVIET ENTRANCE WEST BERLIN ON CLAIM RIGHTS OF
INSPECTION. HENCE ANY STATEMENT CONTEMPLATED WOULD TAKE FORM
UNILATERAL DECLARATIVE STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS. SIMILARLY ALL
WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE THINKING IN TERMS INTENTION NOT EXCEED
EXISTING FIGURES AND NOT IN TERMS ANY REDUCTION IN FORCE UNLESS
IN WESTERN JUDGMENT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN SHOULD JUSTIFY

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